

# **Exhibit F**

**From:** [McLean, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Comment](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Yakama Nation Comment on Draft Maps  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 9, 2021 7:33:25 AM  
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Hello Commissioners and staff –

Here's a new message from the Yakama Nation detailing especially what they like about the LD maps of Commissioner Graves and Walkinshaw.

Thanks,  
Lisa

Lisa C. McLean  
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**From:** Anthony Aronica <[anthony@yakamanation-olc.org](mailto:anthony@yakamanation-olc.org)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Yakama Nation Comment on Draft Maps

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Dear Lisa,

Attached is a comment letter from Chairman Saluskin to the Redistricting Commission regarding the proposed maps and districts under consideration. Thank you for your hard work on this time-sensitive and extremely important issue. Good luck in the final stretch to the November 15th deadline.

Sincerely,  
Tony

On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 2:10 PM McLean, Lisa <[Lisa.McLean@redistricting.wa.gov](mailto:Lisa.McLean@redistricting.wa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Tony –

I hope you noticed that the Congressional district maps were posted yesterday.

Congressional Districts: <https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/proposed-congressional-maps>

Legislative Districts: <https://washington-redistricting-commission.webflow.io/commissioner-proposed-maps>

Please let us know if the Yakama Nation has any comments about any of the 8 maps.

Best,  
Lisa

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**From:** Anthony Aronica <[anthony@yakamanation-olc.org](mailto:anthony@yakamanation-olc.org)>  
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**Cc:** Pailthorp, Daniel <[Daniel.Pailthorp@redistricting.wa.gov](mailto:Daniel.Pailthorp@redistricting.wa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Draft Maps for Legislative Districts

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Good morning Lisa,

Thank you, I shared the proposed draft maps with the Tribal Council Legislative Committee yesterday.

Appreciate your work on these; good luck during this (very busy) time of year!

Regards,  
Tony

On Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 4:30 PM McLean, Lisa <[Lisa.McLean@redistricting.wa.gov](mailto:Lisa.McLean@redistricting.wa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Tony -

Today, we are pleased to share with you the draft legislative district maps proposed by each of the four voting commissioners.

<https://www.redistricting.wa.gov/commissioner-proposed-maps>

The publication of these maps signals the beginning of the negotiation process on the new legislative or Congressional district boundaries, which must be completed by November 15. Next Tuesday at noon, the draft Congressional district maps will be posted at the same location. In addition, shapefiles and pdf maps will be posted at this location within the next 24-48 hours.

Please review the maps and let us know if you or the Tribal Council would like another consultation. Also, please note that, on each of the draft maps, you can create comments by hitting a button in the top right corner. If you need help with any of these processes, feel free to contact Daniel or myself.

With best regards,

Lisa

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Confederated Tribes and Bands  
of the Yakama Nation

Established by the  
Treaty of June 9, 1855

November 4, 2021

Sent via Email

Hon. Sarah Augustine, Chair  
Washington State 2021 Redistricting Commission  
P.O. Box 40948  
Olympia, WA 98504

**Re: Yakama Nation Support For Proposed Legislative And Congressional District Maps**

Dear Chair and Commissioners,

The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (“Yakama Nation”) Tribal Council met with members of the 2021 Redistricting Commission (“Commission”) in August 2021 and submitted written comments advocating for single-district representation of the Yakama Reservation (“Reservation”) and adjacent Yakama communities. The Yakama Nation is encouraged that every proposed Legislative and Congressional District map is consistent with that important request. Keeping the Reservation in one representative district is critical to the Yakama Nation’s advocacy for greater voter participation and political access, services provided to the established communities on- and adjacent to the Reservation, and common-sense incorporation of public safety and natural resource management areas throughout south-central Washington and along the Columbia River.

The Yakama Nation understands that the Commission is subject to state law requirements which cannot be reconciled with all aspects of the Yakama Nation’s sovereign status recognized under the Treaty of 1855 (“Treaty”) and concurrent federal laws. The Yakama Treaty-territory exceeds 10.5 million acres and includes natural and cultural resources that are reserved in perpetuity under the Treaty to sustain the Yakama way of life. *See* map attached as Exhibit A. The Yakama Nation’s participation in the public redistricting process under state law does not waive, alter, or otherwise diminish the Yakama Nation’s inherent sovereign rights or the reserved rights, privileges, remedies, or services guaranteed by the Treaty.

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Below are specific and responsive comments on the proposed district maps to further assist with the Commission's significant deadline pressure to submit a Final Plan to the Washington Legislature by November 15, 2021. As noted above, the Yakama Nation appreciates the effort demonstrated by every proposed legislative and congressional district map for respecting the political integrity of the Reservation boundary.

*Commissioner Piñero Walkinshaw's Proposed Congressional District*

The Yakama Nation specifically favors the elements of Commissioner Piñero Walkinshaw's proposed Congressional District 4 because the proposed district (map attached as Exhibit B):

- maintains the political integrity of the federal reservation boundaries for the Yakama Nation, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville, and the Spokane Tribe of Indians;
- incorporates Yakama members and non-Yakama Native Americans living in established tribal communities on the reservations, off the reservations, and on federal trust properties;
- creates shared representative interests in protecting water quality and habitat along a majority of the Columbia River and many of its tributary basins;
- includes critical natural resource management areas for the protection of forests and rivers that provide access to hunting, fishing, and gathering in usual and accustomed areas identified in the Treaty;
- encompasses a large portion of the traditional and cultural areas that the Yakama Nation continues to preserve and protect;
- includes the Yakama Nation's significant human service areas and public safety districts adjacent to the Reservation; and
- boldly creates a district of U.S – tribal interests to represent the largest land base of Indian Country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1151, in the Pacific Northwest and also in Washington State's history since its modern era of fully assigned congressional districts.

*Commissioner Graves' Proposed Legislative District.*

The Yakama Nation specifically favors the elements of Commissioner Graves' proposed Legislative District 14 that (map attached as Exhibit B):

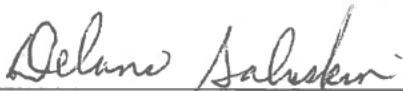
- is consistent with the Yakama Reservation boundary;
- incorporates Yakama members living in established tribal communities off-Reservation and on federal trust property along the Columbia River;
- includes the Yakama Nation's significant human service areas and public safety districts adjacent to the Reservation; and,

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- includes critical natural resource management areas for the protection of adjacent forests and rivers.

The Yakama Nation has inherent and Treaty-reserved rights that are necessary for the protection of the human and environmental resources for the generations of Yakamas to come. Under the United States system of federalism, gaining equal representation under the law and equitable access to the law-making is also a sacred right that has not always been historically available to Yakamas or indigenous people and governments. I thank the Commissioners for the hard work and attention undertaken by this once-in-a-decade process to produce representative districts that will strengthen the democratic system of government over the next ten years. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact the Yakama Nation legislative staff, Mr. Anthony Aronica, (509) 833-9350, anthony@yakamanation-olc.org or Ms. Dawn Vyvyan at (206) 628-3014, dpvyvyan@outlook.com.

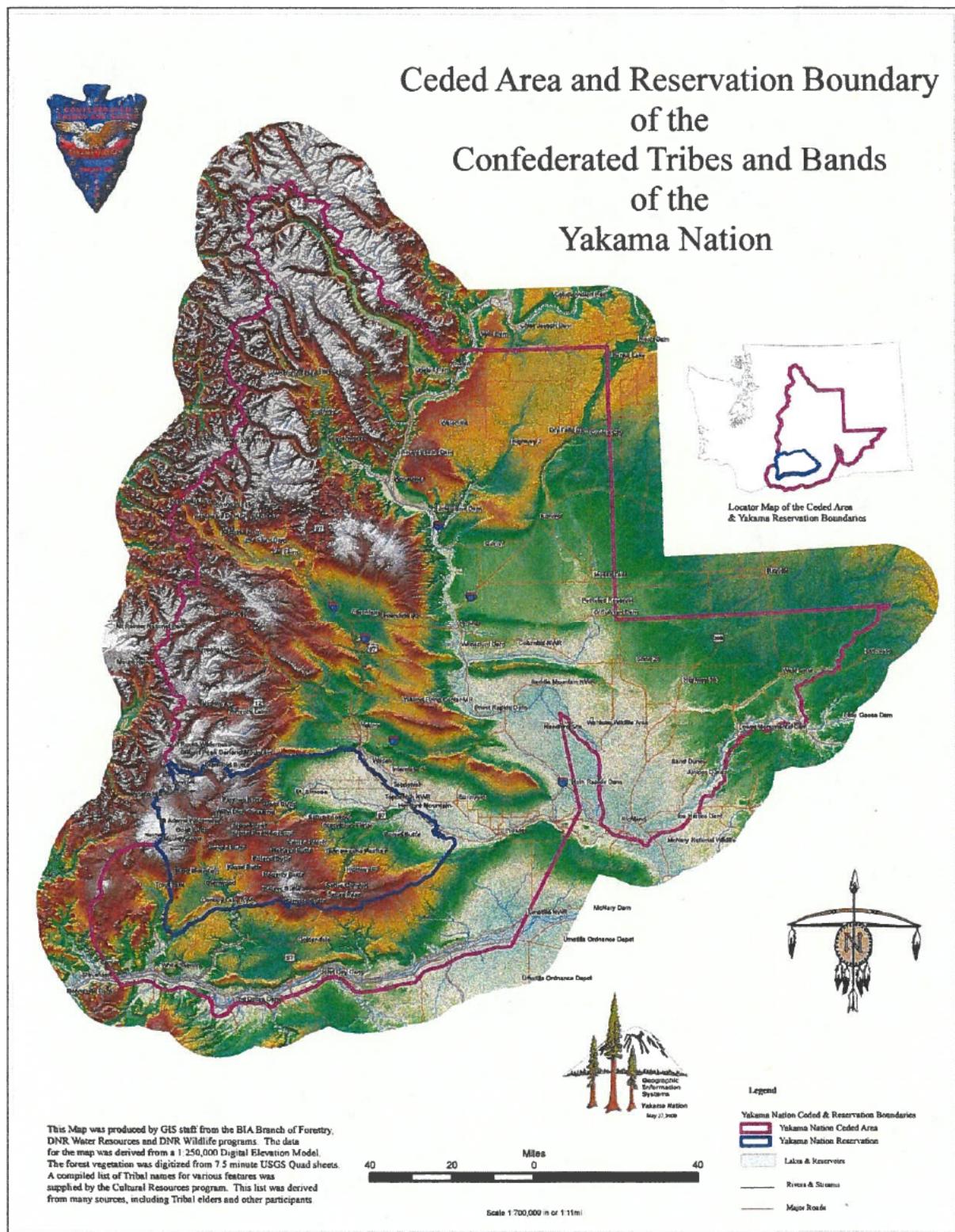
Respectfully,



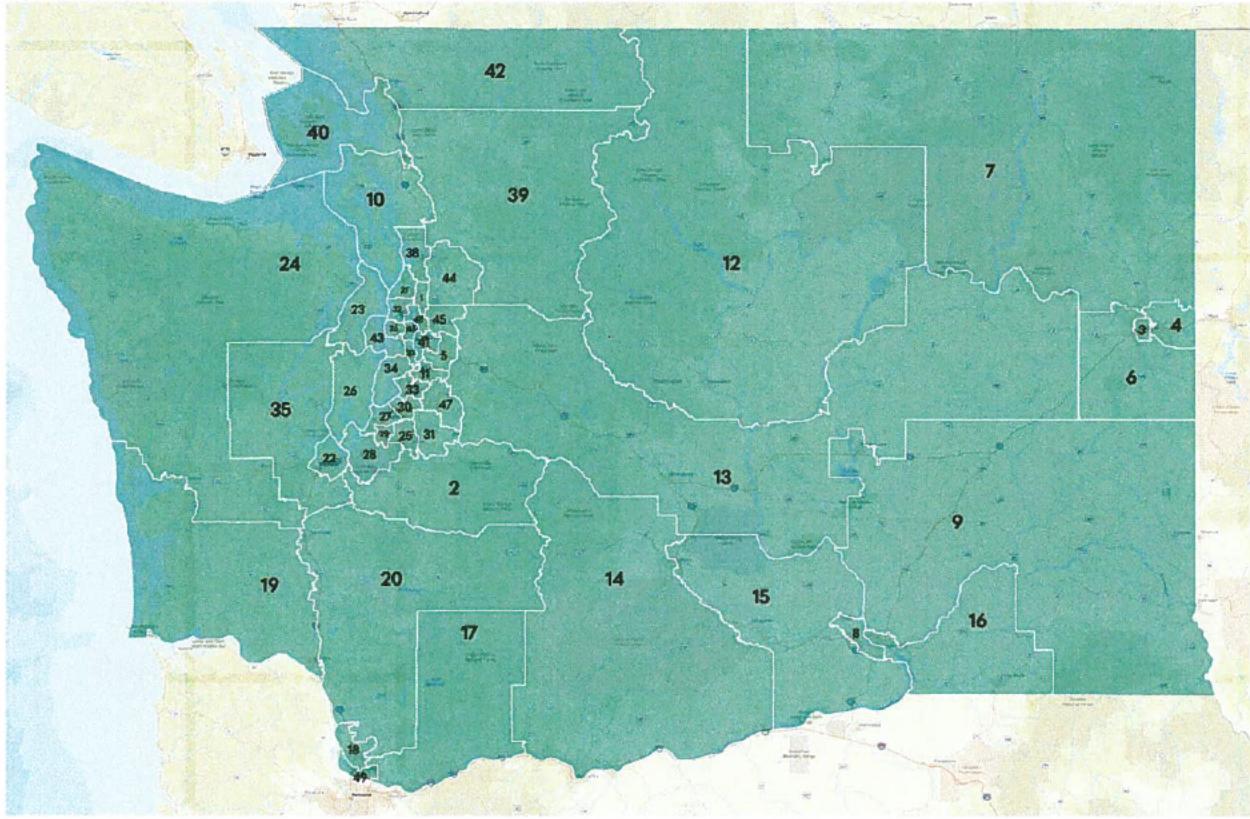
Delano Saluskin, Chairman  
Yakama Nation Tribal Council

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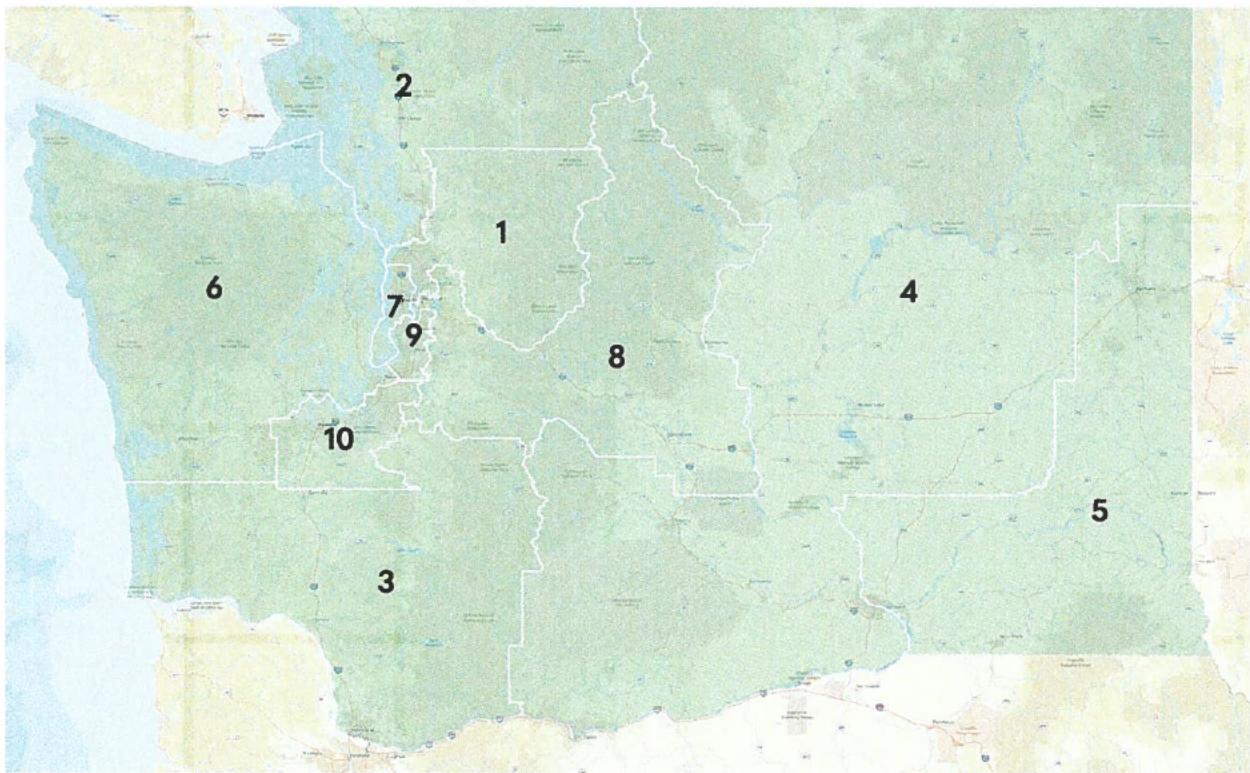
EXHIBIT A – ATTACHED MAPS



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Commissioner Paul Graves - Proposed Legislative District Map, September 21, 2021



Commissioner Brady Piñero Walkinshaw - Proposed Congressional District Map, September 28, 2021